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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial No.: 10/755,447

Group: 1712

Filed: January 13, 2004

Examiner: R. Sellers

For: EPOXY RESIN, EPOXY RESIN COMPOSITION THEREOF AND CURED  
PRODUCT THEREOF

Date: February 6, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed  
January 13, 2006, to which a reply is due by February 13, 2006.

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been  
required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

1. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8, drawn to a bisphenol epoxy resin  
of general formula (2) classified in class 528, subclass  
87.
2. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10, drawn to a composition  
comprising the bisphenol epoxy resin of general formula  
(2) and a curing agent, classified in class 528,  
subclass 119.

Applicants hereby elect Group 1, claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 drawn to the bisphenol epoxy resin of general formula (2) while reserving the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 at a later date.

Inasmuch as applicants have elected the claims of Group 1, the examiner's further requirement of an election of species in connection with the claims of Group 2 is deemed moot. No such election of species is required with Group 1 and no such election of species is made.

This election is made without traverse and has no present effect on the inventorship of record in the present application.

Applicants further note that there is an error on the Office Action Summary, form PTOL-326, attached to the present Restriction Requirement. Specifically, an acknowledgement of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 has been checked by the examiner when no such claim for priority has been made by applicants. The examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the subject application which does not make any claim for priority, and to applicants' data sheet where it is specifically noted that priority to the listed Japanese application is not claimed.